

President Says Sustained By Millions Of Prayers Over U.S.

WASHINGTON (BP)—"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?" "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God."

The phrases and the verses were familiar. The voices were those of men prominent in official Washington circles: Robert H. Finch, the new secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Mark O. Hatfield, Republican Senator from Oregon; Ambassador Sevilla Sacasa, Nicaragua, dean of the diplomatic corps; and Spiro T. Agnew, the vice president of the United States.

The prayers of humility and dependence upon God and the admonitions from scripture were uttered amid the pomp and splendor of the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Park Hotel. It was the annual Presidential Prayer Meeting, sponsored by the Senate and House Prayer Breakfast groups which meet regularly for devotions when Congress is in session.

The honored guests were the new President of the United States and his wife.

Over 2,000 persons attended. Among them were cabinet members and wives, senators, congressmen, ambassadors from other countries, heads of parliament from abroad, mayors, governors and a host of others who managed to get invitations to the large prayer breakfast.

President Nixon told the gathering that he was sustained in the difficult role as President by the millions of prayers uttered for him by people across the nation and around the world. "We trust we can be worthy of your prayers and your faith," he said in concluding his brief remarks.

Billy Graham, the famed Baptist evangelist, was the featured speaker for the service. He told the national and world leaders that a new birth in the people gathered in that ballroom could cause a new birth in people around the world.

Graham's was not the only sermon preached. Ambassador Sacasa, Catholic, prior to reading the opening prayer, said:

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Supreme Court Prohibits Doctrinal Dispute Cases

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)—Civil Courts are prohibited by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution from interpreting "particular church doctrines and the importance of those doctrines," according to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Therefore, a civil court "may not award church property on the basis of the interpretation and significance of the civil court assigns to aspects of church doctrine," the Supreme Court said.

Further, the civil courts have "no role in determining ecclesiastical property disputes," the court concluded.

On the basis of the above views, the United States Supreme Court reversed Georgia Superior Court and Georgia Supreme Court decisions in a case involving two local Presbyterian churches versus the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Georgia courts awarded church property to the Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Eastern Heights Presbyterian Church, both in Savannah, on the ground that the Presbyterian Church in the United States had departed from its original faith.

The Supreme Court remanded the case back for Georgia courts to settle the property dispute if there is evidence of "fraud, collusion or arbitrariness," or on other grounds than religious differences.

In 1966 the Hull Memorial and Eastern Heights churches withdrew from the Presbyterian Church in the United States on grounds that the denomination had departed from its original faith.

The Presbytery of Savannah, after failing to achieve reconciliation with the two churches, took over the churches' property until new local leadership could be appointed. The churches took their case to the Georgia courts and retained possession of the property.

The two churches won in the Georgia courts but lost in the United States Supreme Court, because their case was built on alleged departure from the original faith by the denomination.

Specifically, it was charged that the denomination had departed from the faith by:

- * Ordaining women as ministers and ruling elders;
- * Making pronouncements and recommendations on civil economic, social and political matters;
- * Supporting removal of the Bible and prayers from public schools;
- * Adopting Sunday School literature that taught contrary to the confession of faith and catechisms;
- * Maintaining membership in and accepting the practices of the National Council of Churches; and
- * Advocating the doctrine of civil disobedience.

Georgia Decisions Reversed

The U. S. Supreme Court reversed the Georgia decisions because it claimed they violated the first amendment.

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Special Day Set Sophia Sutton

Fifth annual Founder's Day will be observed Feb. 18 at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near Prentiss, according to Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Jackson, president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Theme of the program will be "Our Partnership in Christ With All Those Whom He Is Making Free."

Principal speakers will be Dr. Victor Glass, director of Work with National Baptists, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Dr. S. L. Bowman, pastor Greater Clark Street Baptist Church, Jackson.

A feature will be a panel discussion on the program theme with the following members:

- Dr. Macklyn W. Hubbell, pastor First Baptist Church, Cleveland, chairman;
- Rev. C. C. Coleman, Grenada, president Northeast Mississippi Baptist Convention;
- Rev. Richard Porter, evangelist;
- Rev. Sterling Jones, pastor Morning Star Baptist Church, Jackson;
- and Rev. Leon Bell, chaplain, Jackson State College, Jackson.

A memorial service in honor of the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles will be led by Dr. T. B. Brown, executive vice-president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary and pastor of Mt. Helm Baptist Church, Jackson.

Special music will be rendered by J. E. Johnson High School Chorus of Prentiss, the Prentiss Institute Chorus and the Carver High School Chorus of Bassfield.

Dr. S. L. Richmond, director of Sophia Sutton Assembly, will preside over the day's events, to begin at 10:00 a. m. and conclude at 4:00 p. m.

Scripture will be read by Rev. J. C. Chandler, pastor St. Elmo Baptist Church, Laurel, with invocation to be led by Rev. Billy Green, pastor White Sand Baptist Church.

Song service and devotion leaders will be Rev. R. O. Tyler, pastor St. John Baptist Church, Gulfport and

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Dr. Donald Glass

Students Optimistic At National Meet

By James Evans McReynolds

NASHVILLE (BP)—A spirit of optimism, hope and expectancy was reflected by college and university students from 13 states meeting here for the first National Consultation on Baptist Student Concerns.

Sponsored by the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the consultation offered students an opportunity for expression and a hearing from Southern Baptist agency leaders.

"The church is an institution given to us by Christ. It's just like any institution in that you can't change anything by standing on the outside throwing rocks at it. You've got to get on the inside and work," related David Smith a senior from Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

"I have faith, I am not a fatalist. I believe Christ is a living reality in our world. I believe the church can be a forceful factor in solving the crises of our world," Smith added.

"This conference has shown me that other people have different ideas from myself, and that these people have opinions and facts to back up their ideas," John Turner, junior from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, said.

"Now I understand that we need to dig deeply into the whys of our beliefs," Turner added.

After two days of brain picking in eight work groups, representatives from each group reported their summary statements on the issues discussed to agency leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The discussion groups centered on the topics of the new morality, poverty, war and peace, campus evangelism, civil rights, Christian life on campus, future life in the megalopolis, and problems of automation and impersonalization.

The agency leaders responded to the summary statements made by the students.

"We are highly sensitive to your age and what you think," Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Education Commission, responded.

"We would rather go along with you than with those who haven't moved an inch in many years," he added.

Students had expressed opposition to the war in Vietnam and lack of individual responsibility in tax support of the government. Plugging up loop holes which are used by the rich to avoid taxes and negative income tax for the poor were suggested. Some indicated approval of lobbying for legalized abortion. In the area of birth control, they agreed that information should be provided for needy families.

Miss Janis Glass, a student at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, suggested that the SBC offer protection for pastors who are turned out of their churches for speaking out according to their consciences.

Some students voiced their support to all suggestions, but most agreed that students are entitled to their individual beliefs.

"The church should not dictate what a man believes," David Smith of Mars Hill said. "Personal beliefs should have respect as they come from a man's own communion with God."

Students had suggested approval of interracial marriage, dancing as an activity of the Baptist Student Center, abolishment of Training Union, and other controversial issues.

"Churches do little to prepare students for college life," Dan Haskins, a senior at Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, pointed out.

"Churches often interfere or put pressures on some student groups with which they disagree," Haskins added. He also expressed a desire for better BSU-local church relationships.

"Some of the constructive thoughts students have brought out during the

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Twin Adult Outreach Clinics Planned

Twin Baptist Adult Outreach Clinics will be held in the state Feb. 24-25, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The first meeting will be held at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson Feb. 24-25 with the second to be held at Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo, Feb. 27-28.

Conducting each clinic will be a group of specialists from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., as follows:

John Sisemore, consultant; Mrs. Douglas Hills, research and program design specialist; Miss Hazel Rodgers, consultant; C. Ferris Jordan, consultant, all of adult section of Sunday School Department.

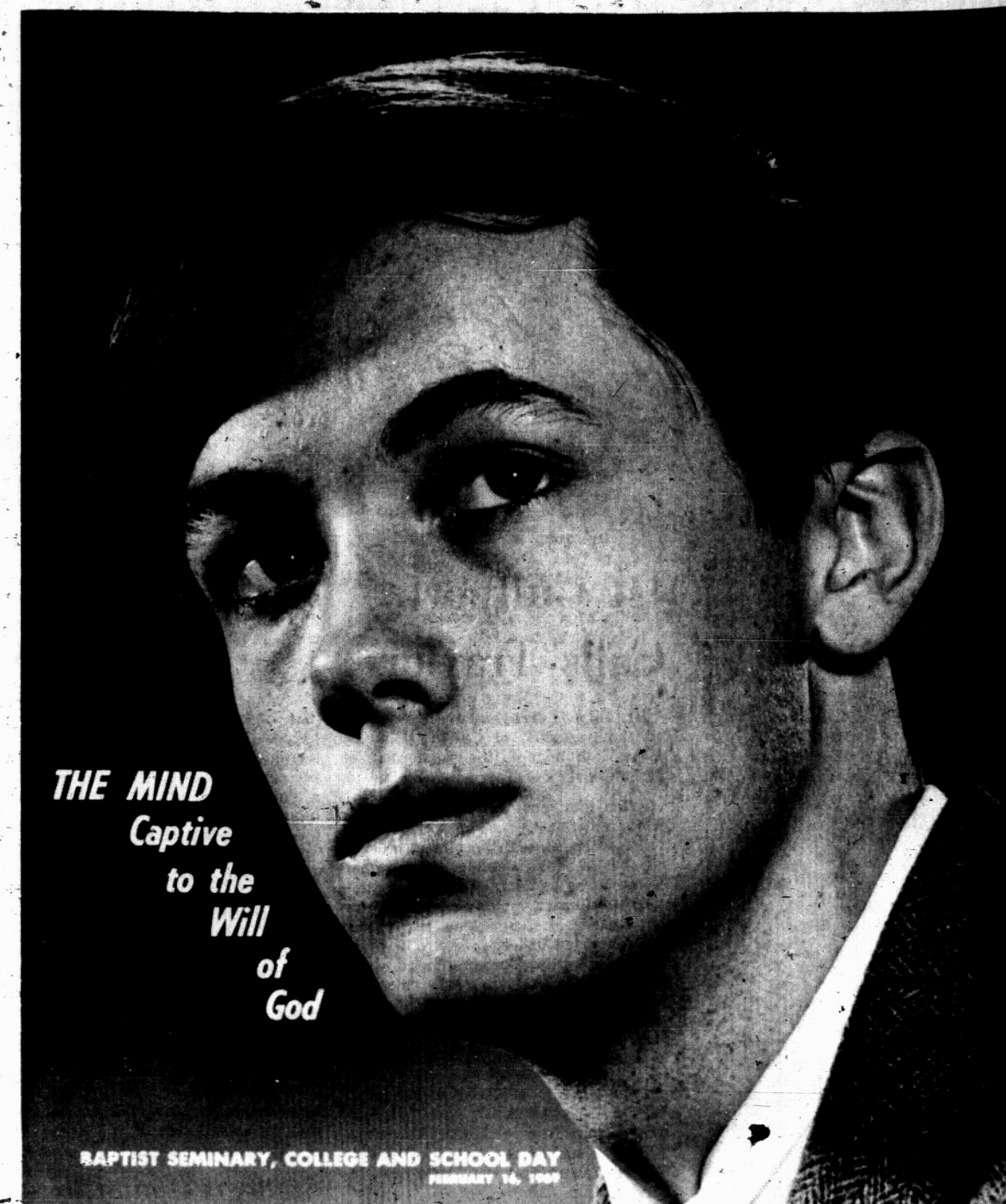
Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Lee H. McCoy, consultant, field services section of Board. Also assisting will be Mrs. Sisemore.

Rev. Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., associate in State Baptist Sunday School Department, will direct both clinics.

The program, according to Mr. Conniff, will include "Exploring Our Outreach Task," "Solving Problems in



John Sisemore



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BAPTIST SEMINARY, COLLEGE AND SCHOOL DAY
FEBRUARY 16, 1969

THE ANNUAL EMPHASIS in Baptist churches on Christian education and Baptist schools sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission will begin on February 16, which has been

designated Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day. The emphasis was first observed 16 years ago and has continued annually.

The Mind, The Schools, And The Young

The exercise of intellectual power is one of the fundamental manifestations of human dignity. It is also a scriptural injunction: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." Loving God with one's mind means that knowledge and vital piety do go together.

American faith in the virtue of higher education has lifted the goal of a generation ago. Then, it was a high school diploma for everyone; now, it is a college education for all of those willing and able to take it.

Pressures of various sorts conspire to push many young students into a treadmill existence. This pressure isn't just the draft or a war. It comes also from ambitious parents, competition for entrance into graduate school, the rapid expansion of knowledge required by a technological society, the anonymity of big schools, shifting values in our fast-moving age, or a misunderstanding of what education really is. Some people hope that their college-bound children will come out exactly as they went in. They hope that "education won't ruin them."

Young people today often seek to be liberated from the tyranny of false alternatives: mind versus heart, intellect versus emotion, education versus religion. The word "egghead" is sometimes used in uncomplicated fashion, to denote a person of spurious intellectual pretension, fundamentally superficial. The word "fathead" also is used derogatorily, to indicate one who does not have much between the ears. False alternatives are presented when one is made to think that he has to choose between being an "egghead" or a "fathead." He does not have to be either.

He also does not have to make his entire college career a state of siege, defending himself against knowledge, bristling when presented with a new fact or a new idea.

To such students, the Christian college says: "Truth belongs to God. Accept it where you find it. If it is his, it can do you no harm. Let it liberate and set you free. Let it help you to make life a pilgrimage toward ever-expanding horizons."

Baptist colleges and universities declare that knowing the truth will not protect one from its demands. Being

Church-State, Citizenship Meetings Ready

Four area conferences are planned for February 10-14 by the Christian Action Commission on Christian

citizenship and church and state, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director.

They are to be held as follows: Feb. 10, First Baptist Church, Senatobia; 11, First, Pontotoc; Feb. 13, First, Yazoo City; Feb. 14, First Baptist Church, McComb.

Dr. Joe Tuten, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, will be highlighted as the speaker for Senatobia and Pontotoc; and Dr. James R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, (Continued on page 3)



Dr. Joe Tuten

Churches Leading In Baptisms

For Associational Year 1967-68—Figures Provided By Evangelism Dept.

Top 50 In Number Of Baptisms

Church	Association	Baptisms	Membership	Ratio
Riverside	Riverside	163	701	4.30
Broadmoor	Hinds	119	3,120	26.22
1st Biloxi	Gulf Coast	101	2,315	22.92
1st Gulfport	Gulf Coast	91	3,485	38.30
Alta Woods	Hinds	90	2,474	27.49
Bowmar	Warren	86	1,516	17.63
Van Winkle	Hinds	85	1,866	21.95
1st Greenville	Washington	80	2,876	35.95
Grandview	Rankin	80	500	6.25
Oak Forest	Hinds	77	1,086	14.10
Central	Lebanon	73	1,487	20.37
Parkway	Hinds	66	2,692	40.79
Daniel Mem	Hinds	63	1,752	27.81
Main Street	Lebanon	62	3,061	49.37
Colonial Hills	DeSoto	61	542	8.89
Emmanuel	Washington	60	466	7.77
1st Starkville	Oktibbeha	60	2,897	48.28
Woodville Hgts	Hinds	59	617	10.46
Emmanuel	Jackson	57	505	8.86
Woodland Hills	Hinds	56	1,943	34.70
1st Meridian	Lauderdale	56	2,338	41.75
Emmanuel	Grenada	56	868	15.50
Byram	Hinds	56	821	14.66
Colonial Hgts	Hinds	55	739	13.44
Oakhurst	Riverside	55	1,800	32.73
2nd Indianola	Sunflower	55	721	13.11
Southside	Washington	54	590	10.93
Emmanuel	Gulf Coast	54	680	12.59
Antioch	Lowndes	53	538	10.15
Pineview	Jackson	53	394	7.43
Emmanuel	Hinds	52	522	10.04
Calvary	Madison	52	133	2.56
Hollandale	Washington	50	651	13.02
Highland	Copiah	50	573	11.46
Calvary	Clay	50	749	14.98
Calvary	Lauderdale	48	1,515	31.56
Clinton Blvd	Hinds	46	340	7.39
Meadow View	Oktibbeha	46	481	10.46
Sharon First	Jones	45	445	9.89
McDowell Rd	Hinds	43	784	18.23
Crestwood	Hinds	43	1,297	30.16
N. Batesville	Panola	43	220	5.12
McLaurin Hgts	Rankin	42	621	14.79
1st Pace	Jackson	41	2,344	57.17
Verona	Lee	41	438	10.68
Eastside	Rankin	41	607	14.80
Ridgecrest	Hinds	40	1,666	41.65
Olive Branch	DeSoto	40	474	11.85
1st Vicksburg	Warren	40	2,262	56.55
Escatawpa	Jackson	40	616	15.40

Top 50 In Baptisms Ratio

Church	Association	No. of Baptisms	Mbrshp.	Ratio
Calvary	Madison	52	133	2.56
Mt. View	Tippah	34	117	3.44
Shoreline Chapel	Gulf Coast	19	73	3.84
New Garden	Tate	7	27	3.86
Burnside	Neshoba	12	50	4.17
Riverside	Riverside	163	701	4.30
Newhope	Greene	13	57	4.38
Faith	Lowndes	13	57	4.38
Shady Grove	Tishomingo	9	40	4.44
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	14	69	4.93
Friendship West	Tallahatchie	13	65	5.00
N. Batesville	Panola	43	220	5.12
Burton	Tishomingo	7	37	5.29
Keownville	Union Co.	18	99	5.50
Mt. Vernon	Lauderdale	19	110	5.79
Immanuel	Leflore	19	110	5.79
Lowery Creek	Jones	28	168	6.00
Cross Roads	Choctaw	21	130	6.19
Bethel	Monroe	14	87	6.21
Flat Top	Panola	9	56	6.22
Grandview	Rankin	80	500	6.25
Mt. Pleasant	Marshall	28	176	6.29
Walls	Desoto	17	108	6.35
East Forest	Scott	8	51	6.38
Courtland	Panola	18	116	6.44
S. Side Mission	George	8	52	6.50
Fairhaven	Quitman	25	168	6.72
Fellowship	Chickasaw	6	41	6.83
Calvary	Perry	23	158	6.87
Fellowship	Lebanon	5	35	7.00
Mars Hill	Winston	5	35	7.00
Carriage Hills	Desoto	31	221	7.13
Unity	Pike	21	151	7.19
Larue	Jackson	12	87	7.25
Union	Scott	14	102	7.29
Bellehaven Bapt.	Jackson	17	124	7.29
Trinity	Bolivar	31	226	7.29
Hebron Ridge	Clarke	15	110	7.33
Clinton Blvd.	Hinds	46	340	7.39
Pineview	Jackson	53	394	7.43
Southern Hills	Hinds	23	172	7.48
Kendrick	Alcorn	6	45	7.50
Cairo	Pontotoc	16	122	7.63
Lauderdale	Lauderdale	8	62	7.75
Emmanuel	Washington	60	466	7.77
Parks	Tallahatchie	9	70	7.78
Oregon	Holmes	6	47	7.83
Longview	Oktibbeha	25	197	7.88
Valley Grove	Pontotoc	27	213	7.89
Trinity	Neshoba	18	144	8.00



Dr. John H. Traylor, Jr.

1st Gulfport, Calls Traylor

Dr. John H. Traylor, Jr. has resigned the pastorate of Calvary Church, Tupelo, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Gulfport.

After four pastorates in Louisiana, Alabama, and Texas, he went to Calvary, where he led the church to new records in soul-winning. The number of baptisms at Calvary from January, 1966, to January, 1969 equaled 134, or an average of 45 per year. During the same period, there were 238 additions by letter. The membership increased from 1246 to 1385. Total offerings increased from \$154,784 in 1965-66 to \$195,602 in 1967-68.

Dr. Traylor, born in Louisiana, is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, in mechanical engineering. He received the B. D. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary, where he served as fellow in the fields of evangelism and Old Testament interpretation.

He has served as trustee of Wayland Baptist College in Texas, and is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. He is a frequent contributor of articles to denominational publications, and was writer of Sunday school lessons for adults for April-June, 1968.

Widely used as an evangelist, he has held crusades in Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Missouri. He has conducted an around-the-world preaching tour, with concentration in Korea.

Dr. Traylor is married to the former Betty Virginia Colvin. They have two children, Kathy, 11, and Angela, 5.

First Church, Gulfport, is one of the largest churches in south Mississippi. Its former pastor, Dr. William G. Tanner, resigned last fall to accept the presidency of Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Texas.

Supreme Court

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ment provisions against "establishment" and for "free exercise" of religion.

"First amendment values are plainly jeopardized when church property litigation is made to turn on the resolution by civil courts of controversies over religious doctrine and practice," the court said.

It continued: "If civil courts undertake to resolve such controversies in order to adjudicate the property dispute, the hazards are ever present of inhibiting the free development of religious doctrine and of implicating secular interests in matters of purely ecclesiastical concern."

The Supreme Court pointed out that if the "departure-from-doctrine" theory is applied to church property disputes in civil courts, two determinations must be reached.

First, the civil court must decide whether the challenged actions of the general church depart substantially from prior doctrine. "In reaching such a decision, the court must of necessity make its own interpretation of the meaning of church doctrines," the court said.

Second, "if the court should decide that a substantial departure has occurred, it must then go on to determine whether the issue on which the general church has departed holds a place of such importance in the traditional theology as to require that the trust be terminated," it said.

"A civil court can make this determination only after assessing the relative significance to the religion of the tenets from which departure was found," the court concluded.

"Thus, the departure from doctrine element of the Georgia implied trust theory requires the civil court to determine matters at the very core of religion — the interpretation of particular church doctrines and the importance of those doctrines to the religion. Plainly, the first amendment forbids civil courts from playing such a role."

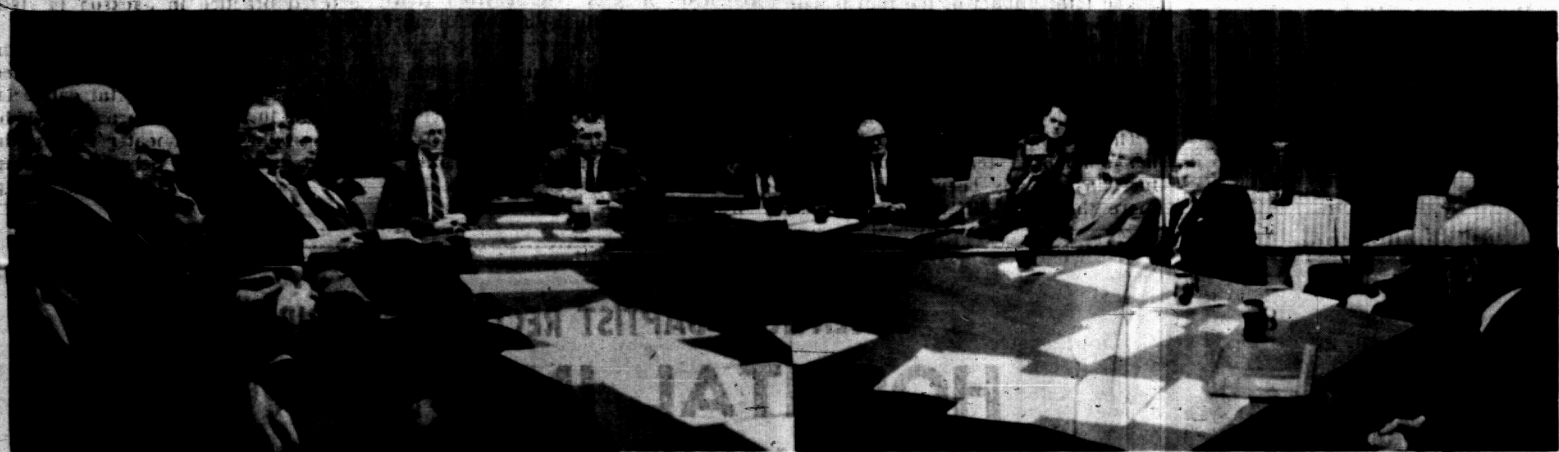
Students Optimistic

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consultation will influence what our denomination does during the 70s," W. O. Thomason, acting secretary, student department, Sunday School Board, said.

"In ten years we will wake up to find that the students of today are leading our convention."

Larry Green of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, summed up his feelings by saying, "As we wrote down page after page of criticisms of the church and her work, we have decided that although the church has many faults, there are many good things about it, and we are staying with it."

The summary reports were taped and will be distributed to Baptist student directors as a reflection of the thinking of today's college student, and as resource material for student ministries. — James Evans McReynolds is an information specialist in the office of public relations, SBC Sunday School Board.



Education Commission Holds Meeting At Baptist Building

The Education Commission of the State Convention met recently at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, chairman is at extreme right.

Building in Jackson. Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, chairman is at extreme right.

Poplar Springs Drive Pastor Accepts Church In Austin

Rev. Harold E. O'Chester has resigned the pastorate of Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, where he has been pastor for five years, to accept the pastorate of Allandale Church, Austin, Texas.

The Poplar Springs Drive Church gave a reception in honor of Mr. O'Chester and his family on February 2, from 4 to 6 p. m.

The Poplar Springs Drive Church has led the Lauderdale Association in first time decisions or professions of faith for the past five years. There have been 250 baptisms in five years and 285 other additions by letter.

They have organized a kindergarten; sponsored a mission church at the Navy Station near Meridian, which are still supporting financially; have sponsored a mission church in Ohio for two years; and have initiated three Sunday school mission

points where people from the church teach the lesson each Sunday.

The church gave nearly \$150,000 to missions during the past five years, and spent more than \$30,000 remodeling the church building. Total receipts grew from \$103,502 in 1964 to \$151,039 in 1968.

Mr. O'Chester is the son of Mrs. Catherine O'Chester and the late John O'Chester. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Other pastorates during his sixteen years' service in Mississippi have included East Side, Jackson; Carmel, Monticello; Big Ridge, Biloxi; and First, Purvis. In the past 11 years, churches he has pastored have been in the top 25 churches in the state, both in baptisms and per capita mission giving 8 times. In the past five years, Poplar Springs Drive Church has also been in the top 25 churches in the state in Cooperative Program giving.

Mr. O'Chester, a former Roman Catholic altar boy, and a veteran, received the Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Community Service, 1962. He has done a significant work as chairman of Meridian's Committee of Conscience.

He has served as a trustee of William Carey College. He has travelled to the Caribbean area three times in preaching missions, and is author of two booklets, *Prophecy Unparalleled* and *God's Divine Plan of the Ages*.

He is married to the former Barbara Jean Hostetter of Roanoke, Virginia, a graduate of the School of Sacred Music, New Orleans Seminary. They have three children, Jennifer Marie, Shannon Lee, and Mary Kathleen.

The 13-year-old Allandale Church is located in north Austin. The 650 members expect to enter right away into an indebtedness of \$500,000 to build a new auditorium, which should be complete by Easter of 1970.

BSSB Elects New Editorial Secretary

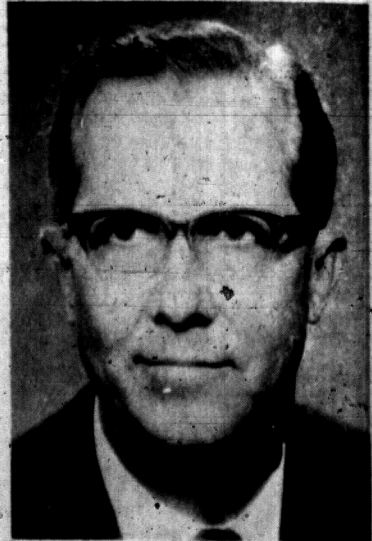
NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has named Howard P. Colson as its new editorial secretary.

Colson, formerly editorial services staff consultant in the board's Sunday School department, succeeds Clifton J. Allen, who retired Dec. 31, 1968, after 31 years' service with the board.

A native of Illinois, Colson is a graduate of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., and holds master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

After serving in pastorates in Tennessee, Indiana and Missouri for twelve years, Colson served as professor of the Baptist Chair of Bible adjacent to the University of Missouri, Columbia.

He joined the board staff in 1949 as an editorial associate and was made editor in chief of Sunday School lesson courses in the board's Sunday School department in 1951. In 1964 he became director of editorial services in that department and served the department since December 1967 as editorial services staff consultant.



Dr. Howard P. Colson

President Says

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discussed the symbolism of the cross of Christ with its "arms stretched open to receive all."

One of the stated purposes of the meeting was to pray for the nation's leaders. In leading this prayer, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D., Maine) cited the times as one when "we are perplexed and deeply troubled" as a nation, and the only place to turn is to God.

Muskie, a Roman Catholic, prayed that during this crisis time "God would 'teach us to listen to one another... to understand one another with the kind of sensitivity which springs from deep-seated sympathy and compassion... and to help one another beyond charity in the kind of mutual involvement which is essential if a free society is to work.'"

The presidential prayer breakfast has been an annual event since 1952. For the first time this year, the event was broadcast live over the worldwide facilities of the Armed Forces Radio Service to U. S. military men around the world. It was estimated that 99 percent of the troops in Vietnam were listening.

Criswell Pleads For Commitment To The Crusade Of Americas

DALLAS (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention W. A. Criswell emotionally pleaded for "concentration, consecration and commitment" for the Crusade of the Americas before a crowd of 8,000 Texas Baptists attending the annual evangelism conference here.

He lambasted various and sundry critics of the crusade who condemn the hemisphere-wide effort as an emphasis on numbers without quality. "Numbers are souls, numbers represent people," the Dallas pastor thundered. He accused those who insist on quality of experience to the total exclusion of quantity of people reached, with snobishness — of attempting to build an elite church with no broad base of representation.

50 Churches Leading

In Total Cooperative Program Giving—1968

(Figures Provided By Stewardship Department)

Church	Association	Pastor	Cooperative Program
1. 1st Jackson	Hinds	Douglas Hudgins	\$107,878.73
2. Calvary	Hinds	Joe Tuten	66,490.72
3. Broadmoor	Hinds	David Grant	54,150.49
4. 1st Columbus	Lowndes	S. R. Woodson	53,891.87
5. 1st Greenville	Washington	Perry Claxton	50,751.85
6. 1st Meridian	Lauderdale	Beverly Tinnin	44,051.66
7. 1st Starkville	Oktibbeha	D. C. Applegate	40,447.23
8. 1st Yazoo	Yazoo	James Yates	38,817.22
9. Alta Woods	Hinds	Charles Myers	36,521.12
10. 1st Grenada	Grenada	Bob Leavell	36,469.37
11. 1st Brookhaven	Lincoln	Bob Ramsey	31,296.83
12. 1st Natchez	Adams	Tom Dunlap	30,567.13
13. 1st Leland	Washington	James Richardson	30,230.12
14. 1st Clinton	Hinds	Russell McIntire	29,349.43
15. 1st Hattiesburg	Lebanon	Brooks Wester	28,688.09
16. 1st Vicksburg	Warren	John McCall	27,518.86
17. Calvary Tupelo	Lee	John Traylor	27,354.49
18. 1st Kosciusko	Attala	Harold Kitchings	27,051.04
19. 1st Batesville	Panola	J. R. Davis	26,991.14
20. 1st Pontotoc	Pontotoc	Levon Moore	26,807.82
21. Parkway	Hinds	Bill Causey	26,681.40
22. Ridgecrest	Hinds	Earl Kelly	26,655.81
23. 1st Columbia	Marion	Howard Aultman	22,944.76
24. 1st Gulfport	Gulf Coast		22,641.69
25. 1st New Albany	Union Co.	William Evans	22,459.39
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48. Fifteenth Ave	Lauderdale	Bob Simmons	15,912.28
49. 1st McComb	Pike	J. L. Taylor	15,526.18
50. 1st Canton	Madison		15,155.58

'TwoAPenny' To Be In Jackson, Other Cities

TWO A PENNY, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's latest full length color movie, starring Cliff Richard, England's top recording star, will be showing in Jackson and surrounding cities February 23 through March 5, in a simultaneous evangelistic effort.

Mr. Richard, 26, will play an atheist in the film. He and Ann Holloway made their commitment to Christ during the Crusade in London.

The film will be shown in the following cities on the listed dates:

Jackson, February 23 through March 2; Brookhaven, February 27 through March 1; McComb, February 27 through March 1; Hattiesburg, February 24 through March 1; Carthage, March 2 through 5; Kosciusko, February 24 through 25; Vicksburg, February 25 through 27; Natchez, February 25 through 27; Yazoo City, March 2 through 4; Decatur, March 2 through 5; Forest, March 2 through 5; Louisville, March 2 through 4; Philadelphia, March 2 through 4.

The European and United States premieres during the last few months met truly remarkable acclaim from church leaders.



Dr. Graham Hales

University Church Pastor Resigns To Take USM Post

Dr. Graham Hales, pastor of University Church, Hattiesburg, will assume a newly created full-time position as chaplain and coordinator of religious activities at University of Southern Mississippi, it was announced by Dr. W. D. McCain, president of USM, and Dr. Peter Durkee, dean of student affairs.

The appointment was effective Feb. 1.

He will teach one course per quarter at Southern and will hold the academic title of assistant professor in the Department of Religion and philosophy.

The new post is designed to place emphasis on the aiding of denominational ministers on campus, counseling with individuals, and working with religious groups and clubs on campus.

Dr. Hales has been pastor of University Church for just over three years, after having served as pastor of First Baptist Church in New Castle Ky.

He received his Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary and did undergraduate work at the University of Virginia and Millsaps College.

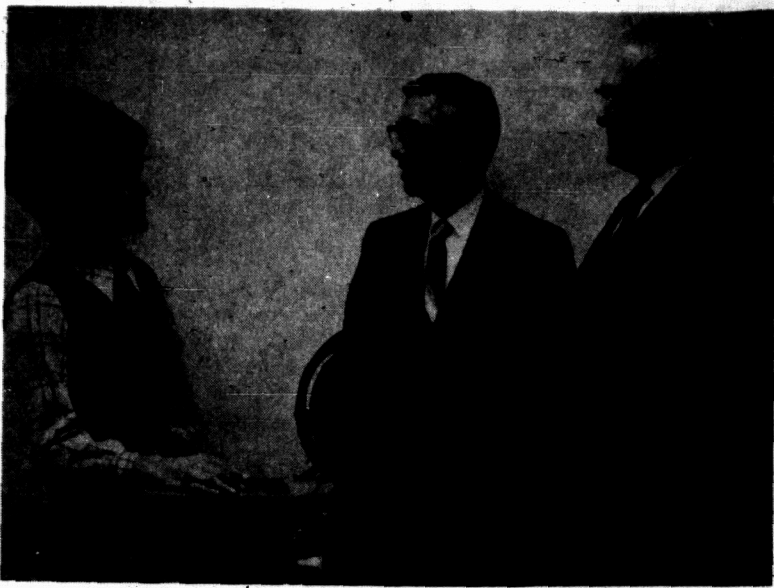
A native of Hazlehurst, he was reared in Jackson and is a graduate of Central High.

He and his wife, the former Jo Nell Thomas of Jackson, have two daughters, Lauren Allison, 7, and Anne Murray, 5.



Mississippians At Southern Seminary

FIVE MISSISSIPPI STUDENT LEADERS at Southern Seminary show Dr. Swan Haworth, their state group advisor, the latest copy of THE BAPTIST RECORD. From right to left, they are: Frank Eubanks of Ruleville, Randy Foster of Clinton, Janice Robinson of Ellisville, Tom Cole of Clinton, Vic Payne of Lucedale, and Dr. Haworth. Last year Mississippi Baptists gave over \$38,000 in support of the seminary, which is attended by more than 30 Mississippi students. On February 18, many Mississippi churches will observe Baptist Seminars, Colleges and Schools Sunday.



JAN NIX, director of Department of Music at Baptist children's Village, tells two State Convention leaders about the new film on the work of the Village, the name of which is "Come Home With Me." Listening intently are Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the new Executive Secretary, (center), and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor of the Baptist Record.

Annuity Board Trustees Approve Four Proposals

DALLAS (BP) — Southern Baptist Annuity Board trustees authorized a "13th" dividend check to retired persons, elected four new officers including a new president, approved promotions for five staff members and changed the dates for future annual meetings during their 51st session here.



Dr. James R. Allen

Church State

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San Antonio, Texas, will address groups at Yazoo City and McComb.

Dr. Allen is Vice President of P.O.A.U. and both he and Dr. Tuten are very conversant with church-state relationships and problem areas. Dr. Hensley said.

Dr. Hensley further stated: "The purpose of these conferences is to stimulate interest in fuller citizenship responsibilities by Christians and to clarify issues constantly confronting us in the vital matter of religious freedom."

"Both these areas are assigned to the Commission by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. We are mandated to keep our people informed as to facts and trends."

"We do not feel that it is our place to make or suggest policy for Mississippi Baptist churches or institutions. In both of these areas we have already made and circulated policy statements as to the position of the Christian Action Commission."

Each conference will meet from 9:30 a. m. until 12 noon.

"Through the Cooperative Program, individual Baptist churches have been able to be obedient to the Great Commission, even unto all the world. I am thankful for the Cooperative Program for the channel it provides to bring to a needy world in a well diversified way, the resources of Christian people and churches."—William A. Webb, pastor

Most of the two-day meeting of the 60 state and local trustees was devoted to the review of a report by Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed covering work accomplished in 1968.

A speech explaining the rules of Social Security as they affect the minister was presented by Robert J. Myers, chief actuary for the Social Security Administration, Washington.

In his 14th annual report, Reed said the board paid a record \$6 million in benefits to retired or disabled ministers and denominational employees or their beneficiaries, \$917,641 more than was paid in 1967.

Commenting on the recommendations approved by the trustees, Reed said the major one concerned the authorization for issuing the "13th" check for the third straight year.

Each person who received a retirement benefit in 1968 will get an extra

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Dr. S. L. Bowman

Special Day Set

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Dr. W. M. James, dean Shady Oak Center, Collins.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is composed of 35 centers located throughout the state, with the Central Center in Jackson.

Last year there were 1898 students enrolled with graduates totaling 115.

A total of 25,000 registered for the various events held at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly last year, Dr. Davis said.

Bids To Be Asked On USM Student Center

Bids for the construction of the new Baptist Student Center adjacent to the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, will be opened on Monday, March 3, at 2 p.m. in the office of the architect, James Warren McCleskey, 1511 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg.

The building contains approximately 10,000 square feet, has brick walls, concrete floor slab, steel roof structure, carpet and vinyl floors, and is air-conditioned.

Contractors may secure copies of plans and specifications in the office of the architect by making a \$25 deposit.

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has named a Building Committee composed of: Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; chairman, Dr. John Barnes, pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Ethan Moore, Hattiesburg businessman and member of the Convention Board; J. Kearney Travis Jr., Hattiesburg attorney; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, State Director of Student Work; and Rev. Louie Farmer, ex-officio, director of Baptist Student Work, University of Southern Mississippi.

"Come Home With Me"

Village Offers Film On Child Care

Breath-taking natural scenery, attractive modern buildings, and a moving account of the gospel of grace at work in the hearts and lives of boys and girls.

Mississippi Baptists and friends of children may now enjoy these scenes and many other facets of Christian child care in their own churches and organizations through the medium of a new moving picture, according to an announcement released by Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Village.

"Come Home With Me," an adventure in child care, filmed in late 1968 on the new Village campus in Jackson, is currently being offered, without charge, for exhibition to all Baptist churches and other interested groups in Mississippi.

The announcement revealed that the 16mm motion picture, in color and sound, has a total running time of 26½ minutes and is appropriate for use at any church worship service or as a program for any auxiliary of the church.

The emphasis of the film is informational and inspirational and deals with the mission assignment of Baptist child care in Mississippi as it seeks to understand and lift up the private, Christian home as the basic unit of society and as God's first institution, the announcement concludes.

Background music for the film is provided by "The Treble Teens" and "The Teen Choir," well-known and popular choral groups of Village children under the direction of Jan Nix, director of music at the Baptist Children's Village, and the strength of cottage life as a substitute home for the neglected and dependent child, supported by campus-wide ministries at the Village is screened in such a way that the viewer can obtain an accurate portrayal of the real meaning and effect of Christian child care.

The total impact of the film is said to represent a graphic reminder of the important role of the private home to the church and to the Christian community.

OPEN DATES AVAILABLE
The administration at the Village has announced that this motion picture has already been scheduled into more than 125 different Baptist

churches in Mississippi, and that many open dates are available on Wednesdays and the last two Sundays in February; on many Wednesdays and Sundays in March and April, and almost all Wednesdays and Sundays after Mother's Day in May.

The attention of all interested groups has been invited to the fact that the film is not primarily promotional in its emphasis, and thus is appropriate for exhibition throughout the year.

Further, that while church groups are usually interested in Wednesday and Sunday evening dates, the film may easily be made available to groups meeting on days other than

Sunday and Wednesday during a year.

The Village owns six prints of this picture, and assurances have been given that every effort will be made to supply every request for a booking.

Requests for dates should be addressed to: The Baptist Children's Village, P. O. Box 11308, Delta Station, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213, or the Village offices may be telephoned at 922-2242 in Jackson.

The only obligation of those booking the film is to use it with care and return it to the Village the day following the booking by United Parcel Service or by bus.



Dr. Dudley Wilson



Dr. David J. Van Landingham

Speakers Named For Pastoral Care Institute

Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminister Baptist Church in Jackson and Dr. David J. Van Landingham, Jackson physician, will be featured speakers at the ninth annual Institute of Pastoral Care of the IMJ, Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Gilfoy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

Dr. Wilson was born in Cullman, Alabama and grew up in Mobile. He graduated from Murphy High School and was ordained in 1951. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Howard College, a Bachelor of Divinity

degree and a Master of Theology Degree from Southern Baptist Seminary and an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Judson College. Dr. Van Landingham was born in West Point and received his premedical education at Mississippi College, in Clinton. He obtained his M. D. degree from the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He continued his postgraduate training at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis, and at Lahey Clinic, Boston, Mass., and at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. He entered practice in Jackson in 1949 specializing in Internal Medicine.

The schedule of activities will begin at 9:30 a.m., consisting of coffee and registration in the hospital cafeteria, then at 10:15 the convocation will be held in the amphitheater across the street in the Gilfoy School of Nursing. The program will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

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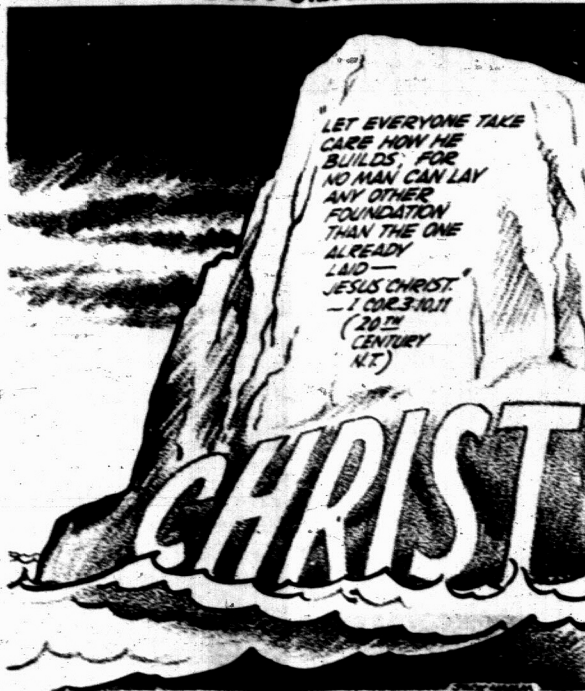
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God's Gibraltar



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Lebanon Missionary Discusses Arab-Israel Problems

(EDITORS NOTE: We receive many missionary letters, and cannot publish all of them. However, we have received special request that we publish this one.)

Dear friends,
The Middle East is a boiling caldron once again and we never know what a day may bring. We were all so shocked at the deplorable attack on our Beirut airport the night of December 28. One of our church families living near the airport called saying the airport was under attack. They could see the helicopters, tracers, explosions, fires, etc.

At the end of the attack 13 commercial planes lay fiercely burning, to be completely destroyed. Israel seeks to justify this action by claiming it to be reprisal for the attack by two Palestinians on the El-Al plane in Athens, a plane that was not destroyed, but in which one man was killed. The true cause of these two Palestinians lived in Lebanon — in a United Nations Refugee Camp. Since 1948 the United Nations has repeatedly directed Israel either to permit the refugees to return to their homes, or give them compensation. Neither has been offered. Lebanon has given space for a number of UN sponsored refugee camps.

Lebanon was not involved in the June, 1967, war. I don't believe Lebanon has been involved in any of the fighting against Israel since 1948. It is true Lebanon joins other Arab states in denouncing Israeli aggression. But so do a lot of us Americans living in the Middle East. This seems little reason for destroying commercial aircraft valued at \$50 millions!

We have read the reports of some of the editors of the state Baptist papers who have visited Israel as guests of the Israeli government. Some have written glowing reports of the accomplishments of this nation in such a short period of time. Never before in the history of man has so much money and technological "know-how" had been directed into such a small area in such a short period of time. No wonder the "desert blooms like a rose." The same thing could happen in any other part of the world!

Others have written of this state being the fulfillment of prophecy in Ezekiel and Daniel. There are many Old Testament scholars who believe these prophecies were fulfilled by 400 B.C. There were various "returns" of the Hebrew people from Babylon to Jerusalem from the time of Darius' decree in 538 B.C. until 400 B.C. I am also reminded Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." I would hate to think that the return of our Eternal, Omnipotent God is dependent on who lives on what strip of real estate! I am also reminded of Galatians 3:28, that in Christ, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free man, male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Tomorrow begins a new year. Let us pray daily the year of our Lord, 1969, will see this Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords and King of Kings throughout each of our worlds.

Sincerely,
James F. Kirkendall
Southern Baptist Missionary in Lebanon
Pastor, University Baptist Church
Beirut, Lebanon

SUITS WELCOME IN ICY MONTANA!

Mr. T. Cooper Walton
326 Robinhood Road
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
Dear Mr. Walton and Mississippi Laymen,
When the Post-Office truck stopped

at my home to deliver the suit of clothes the state of Montana was in the icy grip of Old Man Winter. The temperature had climbed to a high of zero after dipping to a frigid forty below the day before. There was deep snow blanketing the area and much more on the way. Even though stalled cars and impassable roads were the order of the day you can rest assured that there was a glow of warmth in the heart of each Montana pastor—

The suit of clothes is a most welcome, timely and appropriate gift. It helps to equip us for a more effective witness for our Lord. This gesture of generosity strengthens the already strong tie that binds us together in this adventure for God. Words are inadequate for us to express the depth of gratitude which we feel toward the good people of Mississippi. May we together continue to march forward in service for our Lord.

A grateful Montana pastor,
Robert E. Wall

Dr. John E. Barrow Says His Article Was Misinterpreted

Dear Dr. Odle:
It is regrettable that my purpose was misunderstood in an article which I wrote and which appeared in The Baptist Record on January 23, 1969. The article was under the heading: "Do Most Pastors Sacrifice?"

First, let me state that it was not, nor could it have been directed toward New Hope Baptist Church of which I am pastor. This church is far above the average in pastor salary and expense allowances. Over and above a livable salary, the church pays all the premiums in ministers' retirement, has a reasonable car allowance each month, divides the expenses of the pastorate utilities, has a good convention expense allowance, and furnishes a lovely pastorate in which to live.

Therefore, in view of the above, it is inconceivable that I could have had any reference toward my own church. Just three or four months ago, as the deacons and finance committee met to consider the budget for 1969, I requested them that they please would not recommend an increase in salary for the pastor. I did recommend an increase in mission gifts.

As to the purpose of the article, it was written for the sake of many, many pastors who are not so fortunate as I, and who yet have their families to rear. Many of them are on a small salary, and have no car allowance, nor do they have retirement taken care of for them. Moreover, since 1968, they will now be forced to pay all premiums on Social Security, or declare themselves to be conscientious objectors. They are hurting badly in this day of inflation. Some of them are already leaving the ministry for positions in which they can make a livelihood for their families.

Brethren, do all you can for those pastors who are in deep need. I know some who cannot pay their bills. Help them to be able to do that and be free to serve God and the church. Most of them are ready to do their best for you and the Kingdom of God. They are worthy of your reward and your best. "For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And the labourer is worthy of his reward." 1 Timothy 5:18 KJV.

Sincerely yours,
John E. Barrow
Pastor, New Hope Church
Meridian



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Two Men: Two Philosophies

In the same city on the same day I rode with two taxi-cab drivers in performing my missions for the day. The first driver was evidently soured on both heaven and earth and was harshly critical of the city in which he worked, of his employer, and of the whole society of which he was a part. I was glad to come to the end of my taxi-ride with him; it was a pleasure to get out into the fresh air of that lovely city.

Later that day I rode with another taxi-driver who, though he had to wear a hearing aid to hear all of the world's sounds, was literally overflowing with good humor and sheer joy. He loved the city; he just wouldn't work for any other company, because his employer was so wonderful; he loved driving a cab, because he met so many fine people; he very much hoped that I was having a happy time in his favorite city. I left him with a feeling of benediction in my heart.

Here were two men, living in the same city, working at the same job, employed by the same company, touched by the same daily circumstances — but, Oh, how different in their reactions to the same circumstances! The basic difference had to be within the two men in the philosophy of life which determined their reactions to the external forces which touched their lives.

Two Women, Too
To two women exactly the same sorrow and loss came: both lost their splendid husbands in sudden deaths. The first woman became angry at God, gave up her church life, complained to all corners, and died many years later as an unmourned recluse.

The second woman, whose loss was even greater, because it would change even more drastically her pattern of life, accepted her loss with remarkable maturity of spirit, looked about for a new avenue of usefulness, and she became even more widely useful, loved, and honored in subsequent years.

Two women, faced by the same circumstances, reacted in vast contrast. With them, too, the difference was within in the difference of their philosophies of life.

It is only logical to conclude that it is not what happens to us that makes the greater differences in our lives; rather, it is what has happened within us through the years as we have developed our philosophy of life that makes the greater difference in the effect upon our lives of the external stresses, strains, difficulties, and sorrows. Why not read again the words of the great hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," and rejoice in the promise of total victory to those whose philosophy of life has come from God's Word and from belonging to Jesus?

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor)

NEWEST BOOKS

A QUEST FOR REFORMATION IN PREACHING By H. C. Brown, Jr. (Word, 251 pp., \$5.95)

While this book well may be used as a textbook for teaching young preachers how to prepare sermons, it also is a book which well could be placed in the hands of every preacher, no matter how long he has been preaching. The book presents an analysis of the types of preaching heard today, a discussion of the problems of sermon preparation, and then discussion of the various types of sermons, with example sermons which are carefully analyzed. A most helpful book for any preacher.

A TOPICAL DICTIONARY OF BIBLE TEXTS by James Inglis, with introduction by Wilbur M. Smith (Baker, 324 pp., \$4.95)

A complete classification of Scripture texts in the form of an alphabetical list of subjects. This is more than a concordance. The author has attempted to list under the various subjects every text shedding light on that topic even though the verse may not contain the word. Faith, for example—there are no less than 22 columns of texts of Scripture which have reference to faith, quoted in full and listed under subheadings for ready reference. In this volume will be found practically every subject that has a place in the Bible: whether doctrinal, practical, ecclesiastical, historical, biographical, or secular. In addition, there is an extensive index of cross references. Dr. Wilbur Smith says, "This is one of those twenty volumes which every preacher and Bible student will want to place on his desk where it will be immediately accessible."

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU by Herbert A. Taylor with Robert Walker (Revell, 128 pp., \$3.95)

A past-president of Rotary International, and a great business man and renowned industrialist, tells the story of his life and of how and why he originated the Four-Way-Test of Rotary. That test is: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? This is a tremendous story of business success built upon a positive faith in God. He not only made a success in several fields of business leadership, including bringing a great company out of bankruptcy into success, but also led as a pioneer in numerous Christian movements such as Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Young Life Campaign, etc. It is an exciting and inspiring report on how God can use a business-man.

THE ZONDERVAN EXPANDED CONCORDANCE (Zondervan, 1968 pp., \$14.95)

This expanded concordance includes key words from six modern Bible translations and the King James Version (including the new words from The New Scofield Reference Bible), presented in a convenient new format. Printed on nearly 2,000 pages of glare-free paper, the concordance includes uses of The Amplified Bible, The Berkeley Version of the Bible, The New Testament in Modern English, The Revised Standard Version, The New English Bible, and The English Revised. The more than 250,000 references make this a useful, practical book for pastors, teachers, and all students of the Bible.

THE SECRET OF SOUL WINNING by Stephen F. Olford (Moody, 119 pp., \$2.95)

One of Billy Graham's co-workers discusses the Task, Training, Technique, Target, Travail, Trials, Temptations and Triumphs of the Soul Winner. He says that it is Jesus Christ who does the witnessing; he just uses us as his instrument.

ISRAEL AND THE BIBLE by William Hendrickson (Baker, 61 pp., paper, \$1.50)

The author does not believe that present events with relation to the return of the Jew to Palestine has anything to do with Bible prophecy. He contends that a remnant of Jews will be saved. And says that the word Israel in prophecy often refers to the church.

MY GREATEST CHALLENGE by Bill Glass (Word Books, 182 pp., \$4.95)

What is the life of a major league football player really like? How does a defensive lineman who is a Christian "reconcile his faith with his desire to clobber the quarterback and his ability to injure or maim?" These are a few of the many questions that Bill Glass answers in this fascinating inside look at America's favorite sport.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- February 10—Mrs. E. E. Chance, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. Earl Sander, Baptist student director, Southwest Miss. Junior College.
- February 11—Marilyn Walker, staff, Gilroy School of Nursing; Howard E. Spell, dean, Mississippi College.
- February 12—Eric McIntyre, staff, Children's Village; J. S. Johnson, Jasper County supt. of missions.
- February 13—Milton Wheeler, faculty, Wm. Carey College; William N. Washburn, dean, Blue Mountain College.
- February 14—Mrs. Patricia Turner, Zaden Walton, Clyde P. Williams, Mrs. Roy Womack, Baptist Building employees.
- February 14—Mrs. Omera Lynn, Baptist Book Store; Tom Rayburn, trustee, Baptist Foundation.
- February 16—Henry Harris, Baptist Record Advisory Committee; Paul Leber, Baptist Record Advisory Committee.

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A Revival In Every Church

Elsewhere in this issue of the Baptist Record is found an article suggesting that churches and pastors assist Dr. Gordon Samsing, Secretary of Evangelism, in his effort to enlist every church in participation in the Crusade of the Americas.

This is a most important suggestion, and we hope that it will catch fire in the hearts of leaders all over the state. Certainly the autonomy of every church must be respected, and if a church simply does not want to have a revival, it does not have to do so. However, we believe that there are few churches in the state that do not want revival, and will not be willing to join in this great Crusade effort, if they simply are shown the importance

of their doing so, and how it can be done.

The Crusade of the Americas is the greatest simultaneous revival effort in the history of Christendom, and every Baptist church in the Southern Baptist Convention should be enlisted. Perhaps some churches cannot have meetings at the exact date or week that the others are to be held, but surely all can hold a meeting sometime during the Crusade period in March and April, or at a later date.

We urge every pastor and leader in the state to read this article, and then offer your assistance to the leaders of your association. This could result in hundreds of extra revival meetings and thousands of souls saved.

Race Relations Sunday

Next Sunday, February 11, is "Race Relations Sunday" on the Southern Baptist Calendar of Activities.

We believe that the vast majority of Southern Baptists are earnestly desirous that there be the finest possible understanding and good relationships between the races, and that every individual be accorded his rights as a citizen and human being.

This does not mean that there is agreement on how these things should express themselves. However, we find everywhere a willingness and readiness to sit down and discuss the issues involved.

Thanks to the splendid work of the Department of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi

Baptist Convention Board, and the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, both under the direction of Dr. William P. Davis, no Baptist state group has a better working relationship or a finer medium of contact between racial groups, than has Mississippi, and no group has made greater advance in this area.

A number of events in recent months, when Baptists and other leaders of both racial groups have frankly and openly faced the issues, gives assurance that Mississippi is making definite progress toward the solution of racial problems.

Of course, in the Southern Baptist Convention, each church makes its own decision of what it will do about Convention Calendar emphases.

Praying For The President

More than one-half of the thousands of letters now reaching the desk of President Nixon, say "Pray for you." This is the prayer of the greatest group at the Capitol last Thursday morning.

Every Christian heart should take courage because of this report. Nothing is more needed by the President and those who work with him in guiding our nation through the rough waters of the present crisis, than the earnest, continued prayers of God's people everywhere.

That this is thoroughly scriptural may be ascertained simply by reading the Bible. Samuel once said concerning Israel "God forbid that I should sin in ceasing to pray for you." Let no Christian now be guilty of the sin of failing to pray for the president, and for all who serve in any capacity in the government. At the same time we should pray for all Americans, and for our churches and ourselves, that God may send a revival that will make it possible for God to bless the people of this nation which we love so much.

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say this. It has been brought to our attention that a group again is advertising in the state for a publication which includes the words "Southern Baptist" in its name, and apparently is intimidating or, at least, leaving the impression with some, that it is in some way related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention. We understand that such selling is being done in the Jackson area now.

We should like to make it very clear that this publication has no official connection with either the Southern Baptist Convention, the Mississippi Baptist Convention or the Baptist Record, and that NO ONE has been authorized to go out and solicit advertising in the name of any of these.

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We also suggest that when this group begins to work in a community, that Baptist people inform business and professional people of other denominations, that they have no connection with Southern or Mississippi Baptists.

Of course, there will be times when young people from our colleges will be selling advertising for their publications, and perhaps the Children's Village or the Hospital may sell advertising for a paper or magazine, or an annual. This is legitimate, and deserves full support of the people. However, these representatives will have proper identification, and will gladly provide the finished product before asking for payment.

We regret the necessity for publishing notices like this, but it seems that it is necessary from time to time, to protect the public.

Annuity Trustees Approve

(Continued from page 3)

check amounting to 12 percent of his annual benefit. The extra check was made possible by interest earnings in excess of the retirement plan requirements, Reed said.

Darold Morgan, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, was elected trustee president succeeding E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, who rotates off the board.

Reed said staff members promoted include Floyd B. Chaffin, L. Taylor Daniel and Fred W. Noc, who were elevated to senior associate secretaries from associate secretaries and Owen Henley and Davey L. Borders were advanced to associate secretaries.

The promotions were made to streamline the administration of the protection ministry of the board which has grown tremendously in recent years, Reed said.

The trustees also approved the first Tuesday and Wednesday of February as the official dates for all their future annual meetings, Reed said.

In his report, Reed pointed out that more than \$66 million has been paid in benefits during the 50 years the board has been in operation.

He said funds held in trust for more than 35,000 Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees who participate in the protection program increased by more than \$20 million. These funds now total more than \$208 million.

A memorial service for Wallace Bassett, former president of the Annuity Board, was conducted by Westmoreland. Bassett, who died Oct. 1968, had served as a trustee for 48 years, 45 of them as president of the Board. Bassett was pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church here, and his successor, Darold Morgan, is the new president of the board.



"Rock Chief" as it is called by the Indians, of El Capitan, in Yosemite National Park, is at the left; in the distance is Half Dome, round on one side, sheer on the other, and the highest point above the valley; and on the right are the spires of the Cathedral Rock.

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The Policeman's Psalm

The Lord Is My Rock And My Fortress

By Chester L. Quarles, Instructor,
Law Enforcement Program
University of Mississippi

No segment of society sets a more praiseworthy example than the Christian law enforcement officer. The officer in some ways is like the rich man of whom Christ said, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich

man to enter the kingdom of God." Certainly many obstacles are placed in the officer's path.

The harsh realities of life which the officer faces everyday are indeed foreboding. One can easily become disillusioned and apathetic after seeing the true nature of our society. The officer today encounters hypocrisy, evil, and civil disobedience being promoted by ministers of the "social gospel" rather than evangelism.

The Christian officer has a hard route ahead and it is only through a super faith, inspired by and through our God and the Lord Jesus Christ, that the officer can fight apathy and sin in his personal and professional life.

The officer is lied to more than any other group or individual on the face of the earth. He is surrounded by all kinds of crimes, and most criminals, and the modus operandi necessary to effect offenses. Perhaps the most heinous, causative aspect of law enforcement apathy, however, is the knowledge of immorality by the "pillars of the community" and the leaders of our society. The officer is the individual who sees Deaton or Elder Jones, City Commissioner Smith, Mayor Doe, and Preacher Sam at two o'clock in the morning. The officer is the one who knows of ticket fixing and its effect upon the entire policies and procedures of the police organization. The officer is the man who knows of pay-offs and of organized crime, of crooked political partisanship and of the effects it has on our society.

Yes, the officer knows and without the deep abiding faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, apathy can be born in an individual that can transcend to an entire department.

The officer, as all others, can find comfort in our Bible. In Samuel, as well as in Psalms, there is a passage known as the Fighting Man's Psalm. In David's time there were no policemen per se, but soldiers kept the peace; however, this Psalm could be known as the "Policeman's Psalm." This passage has given this officer much comfort and I want to pass it on to others, for so often we overlook the great works of the Old Testament.

1. The Lord is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God my strength; in whom I will trust.
17. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me; for they were too strong for me.
18. They prevented me in the day of my calamity; but the Lord was at my stay.
28. For Thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.
29. For by Thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
30. As for God, his way is perfect: The word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust him.
31. For who is God save the Lord or who is a rock save our God?
32. It is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect.
33. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet and setteth me upon my high places.
34. He teacheth my hands to war so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
46. The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
47. It is God that avengeth me and subdueth the people under me.
48. He delivereth me from mine enemies: Yea, thou liftest me up to above those that rise up against me: Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
49. Therefore I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and sing praises unto thy name.

Yes, I am thankful that I am a Christian officer. Certainly law enforcement is entirely compatible to the doctrines of Christianity. Indeed, my own weaknesses are such that I could not be an officer and not also be a Christian.

The temptations, and the opportunities that are constantly availed to the officer require strong moral convictions and an enlightened code of ethics. Indeed, the code of ethics advocated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police could be abbreviated to all of Christianity were one of its requirements.

Some officers believe that Christianity and enforcement do not mix. This is certainly not so. Many times the officer must be firm and use force in effecting lawful assignments but this is part of the job and oft-times force is necessary to protect oneself.

The Lord Jesus Christ has saved those who willed it, and sought salvation. Old and New Testament doctrines alike have words of wisdom, guidance, admonition, and forgiveness for our actions. God's Holy Word has the spiritual life necessary for the Christian officer who will seek it. The Lord has promised that you will find.

Every Church Urged To Participate In The Crusade Of The Americas

On the eve of the State Evangelistic Conference, which gave primary emphasis to the Crusade of the Americas, a pastor in the state has urged every pastor and every church to give full support to the objective of enlisting every church in the state to participate in the Crusade.

Reports from the office of Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, Director of Evangelism, reveal that about one-third of the churches have not as yet been enlisted to have a revival this year.

Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brandon, in a letter to the Editor of the Baptist Record, joins Dr. Sansing in urging pastors of churches already committed to assist in enlisting the churches that are yet uncommitted.

Mr. Duncan added that most of the uncommitted churches are smaller churches that may have felt that it was not possible to secure the help they would want or may have failed to see the importance of every church having a part.

Continuing, Mr. Duncan said: "During the Crusade of the Americas there is a need for a climaxing revival in every church and mission. The Gospel must be preached that Christ is the only hope so that the lost can be confronted with this good news."

Last year there were 381 churches of our state that did not report a single baptism. Many of these churches did not have a revival last year and may not have planned one this year during the Crusade. "Everyone needs to do everything

Social Security Official Warns Ministers On Taxes

By John D. Bloskas

DALLAS (BP)—A minister who allows his church to pay Social Security taxes for him on an employee-employer basis may find himself facing many penalties and problems including the possible loss of some benefits, a top official of the Social Security Administration said here.

Robert J. Myers, chief actuary for the Social Security Administration in Washington, D. C., issued the warning during a speech to trustees attending the 51st annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Myers said when a minister who allows his church to pay Social Security taxes is caught, then his troubles really begin.

First of all, he will have to file correct forms to straighten out his record. Then, after he obtains a refund of the employee taxes he paid, he will have to pay the self-employment taxes along with interest and penalties for all the years covered by the statute of limitations for Social Security. He said a church would also be refunded the taxes it paid for the minister during those years.

Although he did not elaborate on how some benefits could be lost, he did say there were various circumstances under which losses were possible. Each case would have to be dealt with individually, he said.

Myers emphasized his remarks primarily, he said, to alert each minister to file Social Security taxes properly from the very beginning so no problems could arise.

A minister cannot claim to be a minister performing the duties of a minister for income tax purposes and then assume he is an employee of a church for Social Security, he said.

He pointed out that the 1967 Social Security Act changed the status of a minister in Social Security significantly.

All ministers are automatically in Social Security as self-employed persons unless they apply for exclusion on the grounds of conscience. Only ministers who have never had Social Security coverage can apply for such exemptions.

Myers also expressed hope that churches would help their ministers financially so they could pay their self-employment taxes.

He cautioned the minister to report money his church gives him for this purpose. That money must be reported not only to Internal Revenue for income tax purposes but also to Social Security if the minister has not reached the current \$7,800 maximum coverage point.

Myers praised the work Social Security and private pension plans, such as the one the Annuity Board administers.

"Both Social Security and private pensions have particular roles to play. Both are needed. Together, both can take care of future financial needs of a minister or his dependents," Myers said.

S.S. Board Names New Student Secretary

NASHVILLE (BP)—Charles M. Roselle, student secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for 15 years, has been named secretary of the student department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

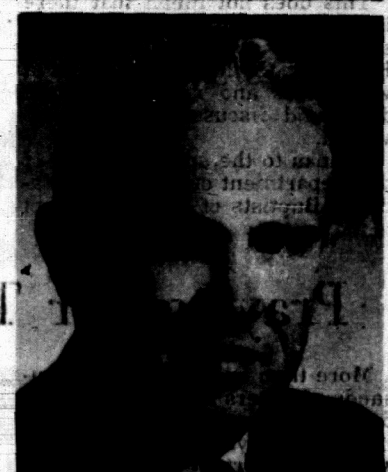
The Sunday School Board in its annual meeting here voted unanimously to elect Roselle to the position beginning March 1.

"This position has been vacant since December 1, 1967," James J. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, said.

"Even though the Southern Baptist Convention study of the entire area of student work requested by the Sunday School Board is now in progress, the assignment as of now is with this board, and we feel that we cannot abdicate leadership during these critical times," he continued.

"We have worked closely with the convention study committee and have their assurance that the election of a secretary at this time is an appropriate action," Sullivan added.

"We are grateful that we have secured for this strategic position a man whose life has been wrapped up in student work. Roselle is a dedicated churchman and a loyal supporter of the total denominational effort," said W. L. Howse, director of the



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board's education division. "Himself a product of the student movement, he will give capable and imaginative leadership to the program of student work," Howse added.

A native of Mexico, Mo. Roselle is a graduate of Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, and Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, where he earned a master of science degree in mathematics.

He has served as state student secretary, Missouri Baptist Convention and as Baptist student director at Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., and the University of Missouri—Columbia, Columbia, Mo., and as Nashville area Baptist student director.

The Song Of Songs

By Edwin McNeely

The Master's voice is heard to rise and fall in perfect cadence as the ancient melody is intoned to the text in Latin prose. The organ prelude sets the mood for the transcendent intellectual concept of pure worship as conceived by the learned doctors' philosophical training. The perfect choir in rapturous rapport intones the melody in perfect melodic mode. The Master with baton elevated to proper height, and with dramatic pause, leads the inspired choir. The assembled congregation with noble effort attempts to join, withal, in singing the song. Perplexed, yet assenting in mind—for learning is the theme of study—they earnestly try to join in singing the unknown song. They could not feel the mood of the plainsong melody, steeped in ancient tradition, that breathed hallowed cadences of past years. Bravely, bravely they struggled through the song. After the performance they retired to their pews, uninspired, unsatisfied and wondering.

What really happened?

The teaching was perfect. The musical idiom was projected with fervor! The choir, drilled to perfection, performed with poise and consummate skill (the song). The choir was pleased. The organist was pleased. The good Doctor was delighted with the intellectual level of the singing. His baton kept the perfect rhythmic pattern moving

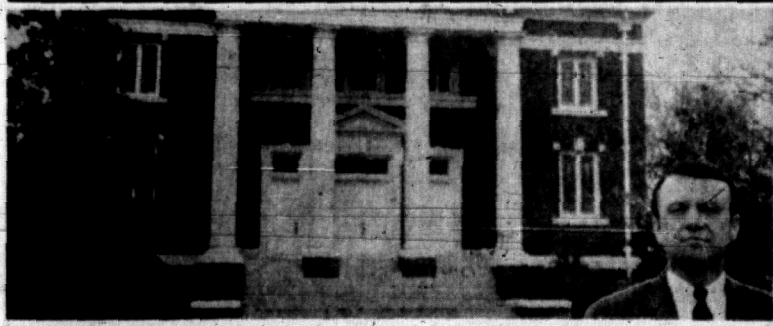
at the exact tempo indicated by the scientific measurements of the evaluated vibrations per second.

IT WAS GREAT!

The people had anticipated a moment of song. The moment was turned into a teaching period with the ardent hope that the level of musical appreciation could be raised to the intellectual level of the worship leaders. The people were not impressed. They wanted to sing! The song was not known to them, hence they could not join the spirited choir. In vain they struggled, but were lost in confusion, frustrated, mentally disturbed, nonplused by the rarified intellectual atmosphere created by the unknown song. They stood in amazement at the mountain of perfection that encompassed them.

At last the will to sing was broken by intellectual perfection. The anxious desire to have a part in the song was lost. There was no warmth in the singing. No soul-stirring voice lifted in praise and adoration of Christ; no spiritual unity expressed by voices dedicated to worship; no feeling of freedom of heart in the presence of God. All was lost for a moment of intellectual perfection.

The Spiritual concept of the union of familiar text and known melody will bring to the people an unshamed ecstasy of joy in proclaiming in song the glories of God and the joyful assurance of union of creature with Creator!



Leland, First, Is Sixth In Per Capita Giving

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Leland has given strong support to the Cooperative Program for many years. In 1967-68 this church was number six in the state in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program. They were also number 13 in their total gifts through this channel of World Mission support.

Rev. James Richardson, pastor for the past eleven years, says that this is the result of many years of mission emphasis in this church. The budget and the percentage to the Cooperative Program has increased every year for many years and the budget has been over-subscribed in one day each year for the past three or four years. An adaptation of the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship has been used each year since 1958 when the full Forward Program was followed.

Mr. Richardson also stressed the fact that a church cannot let up in its stewardship ministry. A repeated, annual effort is required to keep a church on a high level of mission giving.

Mississippians Study, Work Way Through The Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Did you know that there are 30 Mississippians enrolled at Southern Seminary this year?

Other students and professors are well aware that there is a large contingent from the Magnolia State because the Mississippians have distinguished themselves in campus leadership, scholarship, and activities.

A seminary student's life is no bed of roses — but it is full and never dull. Most students have full or part-time jobs to support their families while carrying a full schedule of courses. Some wives work to help their husbands and some even take evening courses to be better prepared for the role of being a minister's wife. The study-work load is demanding, but most students accept their roles cheerfully, anticipating graduation into a life of service to God and man.

A sampling of the Mississippi state group reveals many diverse talents and interests among the students.

President of the Mississippi state group on campus is Frank Eubanks of Ruleville, a 1967 graduate of the University of Mississippi. A president of the state B. S. U. and student summer missionary to Guyana in 1965 during his college career, Eubanks expects to receive the master of divinity degree in 1972. He is a minister of youth and music in a local church and is a high school music instructor.

Last year's state student group president, David Al Myers, received the master of divinity degree in January. A 1965 graduate of Mississippi College, he has been pastor of Hill Grove Baptist Church and a substi-

tute teacher in Jefferson County schools. He is married to the former Brenda Hooks of Greenwood.

First-year student Russell Wal-drop, a 1968 graduate of the University of Mississippi, is a youth counselor at Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville. Sports is one of his interests, as he was a member of the Ole Miss Karate Club at the university. He plans to graduate in 1971 with the master of divinity degree.

Henry Gentry of Columbus wields a mighty pen for both sermon writing and drawing. He is working his way through seminary by preaching, giving chalk talks, and publishing caricatures. Some of his work, featuring sketches of faculty members, has appeared in seminary publications. A 1968 graduate of Mississippi College, where he majored in art and played football, he hopes to receive the master of divinity degree in 1972.

Rebecca Skinner of Union completed her work in January in religious education for the Foreign Mission Board appointment as a missionary nurse in Tanzania, Africa. She is now working in a hospital in Mbea. A 1967 graduate of the University of Alabama, she worked as a part-time staff nurse at Louisville General Hospital. In 1966 she was a B. S. U. summer missionary to Ghana.

Janice Robinson of Ellisville, a second-year student in social work, was a journeyman to Nigeria from 1965 to '67. A '65 graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, she is now a psychiatric aide at Norton Infirmary.

Randy Foster of Meridian, a 1966 graduate of Mississippi College, is minister of evangelism at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. His wife, the former Anne Lane of Le-land, is a teacher of expectant moth-

ers in the Louisville city schools. During the past two summers he was a director of resort ministries among students in Estes Park, Colorado. He hopes to receive the master of divinity degree in 1970.

The vice-president of the Mississippi group is Victor J. Payne of Lucedale. He is married to the former Peggy Langley of Laurel and they have a daughter, Cathy, age two. Mrs. Payne is the head nurse in the seminary clinic and she is enrolled in the School of Religious Education. They plan to serve on a mission field after graduation.

Bonna Fay Whitten of Corinth, a 1965 graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, plans to receive the master of divinity degree in 1972. She has served as a journeyman to Paraguay. She is a member of the student government ethics committee on campus.

Thirty State Conventions Slate Coordinated Planning

NASHVILLE (BP) — All of the 30 state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention are now involved in some phase of Coordinated Promotion Planning, the Coordinating Committee of the SBC Inter-Agency Council was told here.

Coordinated Promotion Planning is a process through which SBC (national) and state convention program

leaders cooperate in promoting selected denominational emphases, goals, and projects to assist SBC churches.

In a report to the Inter-Agency Council Coordinating Committee, the staff director of Coordinated Promotion Planning, Kenner Pharr of Nashville, said that during the first full year of operation of the cooperative planning process, all of the state

conventions have been involved in some phase of the process.

Pharr said that the joint planning process has enabled the SBC and state convention leaders to do long-range planning on a higher quality in most states than ever before in history.

"We are assured of the most comprehensive and best planned field service effort of our denomination's history," Pharr said.

As a result of the plan, a total of 10,000 special workers will be trained to provide interpretation and planning assistance to 250,000 key church leaders, he said.

The first year's planning, relates primarily to getting ready for the 1970's, and interpreting new SBC curriculum and program materials, planning related to the new SBC grouping - grading plan, and encouraging Baptist advance in the next decade, he said.

Under the Coordinated Promotion Planning approach, a team of trained SBC field service workers representing all phases of the denomination's work meet with state convention workers in a joint planning session. The SBC leaders explain and interpret the SBC programs, and the state leaders add to or subtract from these plans in determining what emphases they will stress in their own state.

In some cases, associational leadership is involved in the joint state-SBC planning session, and in some states, the associational leaders are involved at a later session with state leaders, depending on the situation in each state.

Conferences have been held explaining the entire Cooperative Promotion Planning process in all of the 30 state conventions, and planning conferences implementing the process have already been conducted in all but three conventions, Pharr said.

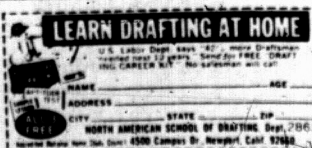
Men Off To Fast Start In Mission Study, '69

Southern Baptists are off to a 50 percent faster start this year over last year in the study of mission principles and methods, according to the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

Awards in Category 21 of the Church Study Course for the first quarter of the new church year total 942, compared to 604 awards earned during the same quarter the year before.

Georgia leads all states in the Brotherhood category with 166 awards. Texas is next with 147, followed by Oklahoma with 138. Mississippi is tenth, with 34.

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Boys And Bottles At Calvary Church, Cleveland

THE LEWIS MYERS ROYAL AMBASSADOR chapter of Calvary Church, Cleveland, each year at Christmas selects a money-raising project for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This year they collected soft drink bottles from streets, highways, homes, and many other places. Then they returned the bottles for the deposit. The goal they set for

themselves this year was \$150. When the deposits had been received the total was \$150.61. Back, l to r: John Flemmons, counselor, Dwayne Sims, Steve Bingham, Sandy Moore, Rev. C. C. Caraway, pastor, Ricky Miller, Mark Flemmons, Don Lee, assistant counselor, Richard Savage. Front, l to r: Bobby Savage, Keith Bingham.

16 Years' Service

PARKWAY'S LIBRARIAN DIES

Mrs. E. S. White, 74, of 119 Fredrica Avenue, Jackson, died early Wednesday morning, January 29, in a local nursing home following an extended illness.

A native of Braxton, she had made her home in Jackson, for the past 38 years. At the time of her death she was librarian for Parkway Church, Jackson. For several years she was an employee in the Mailing Department of the Baptist Record.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 30, with her pastor, Dr. Bill Causey, and Rev. Lamar Douglas officiating. Burial was in Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

Survivors are her husband, E. S. White; one daughter, Mrs. Harold E. Wright of Meridian; one son, Ross E. White of Shreveport; four grandchildren; one brother, J. D. Ross of Baton Rouge.

Since a serious illness in early 1967 Mrs. White had been restricted to a wheel chair, but she had continued with her duties as church librarian until last fall when she had to go into the nursing home. When the question first came up as to whether she would be able to continue her library work, in a wheelchair, she said, "Well, why not? There's nothing wrong with my arms or my head!"

She also continued to be active in other church activities. In Sunday school she was associate superintendent in charge of training, where in years past she had been superintendent of Beginner, and later, Primary, departments. She was regular at Sunday worship services and Wednesday Family Nights.

Lydia Ross White was born in Simpson County, but lived in Jackson most of her life. She moved her letter to Parkway Church in 1930, and became librarian June 22, 1952.

In 1952, the library contained 2281 books. In mid-August, 1968, the total was 5229. Under Mrs. White's supervision, 2948 books had been added and processed at that time. Of her assistants, three worked with her for 15 years. Mrs. C. E. Sills, associate librarian, Mrs. E. H. Young, and Miss Verna Cupit.

Her favorite book was Try Giving Yourself Away; for sixteen years she "gave herself away," as volunteer librarian without salary. But she was a person of deep humility, and wanted no praise for her service, which she gave gladly. She loved books, not only for the joy of reading, but also for self-improvement through study. She found inspiration in a verse she learned years ago when she first went

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day school. By the Sunday before Christmas we had raised over \$800, and our final total was \$954.65. Our people were overjoyed at the final results. And this did more for the spiritual life of our church than anything that has happened in a long time."

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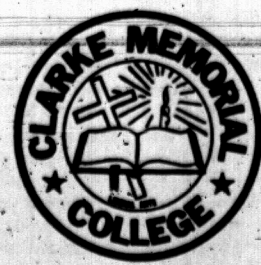
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CAREY COLLEGE music officials pose above as they discuss plans for the annual meeting of the College Division of the Mississippi Music Educators Association to be held on the Carey campus February 7 and 8. Donald Winters, left, chairman of the Department of Music at William Carey, chats over program plans with two of his faculty members, Dr. James Casey, center, and Dr. James Downey.

N. O. Seminary

Involved In Evangelism

By Eugene N. Patterson
Professor of Evangelism

More than fifty years ago Southern Baptists established a seminary in the city of New Orleans. In its very beginning the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary included in its program of activities a missionary and evangelistic emphasis.

During the first two years in the New Orleans Seminary a student is required to be engaged in Christian witnessing in churches, jails, hospi-

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Here are the results of this witnessing program for the period of September 1967 to July 1968: Number of people dealt with individually, 35,389; Number of gospels and tracts given out, 31,804; number of homes visited, 20,634; number of baptisms (in churches and missions served), 1,408; number of conversions on regular mission assignments in New Orleans, 1,737.

This does not include the third year student, graduate students or the faculty. The figures would at least be doubled if these were included because so many of the advanced students serve churches or missions.

Perkinston Church

Commends J. Estes

Rev. Jerry Estes, native of Verona, recently resigned at Perkinston Church to accept the pastorate of New Hope Church, Gulfport.

The Perkinston Church has adopted a resolution commending Mr. Estes for his outstanding service there from March 20, 1966, to January 12, 1969. In part, the document states:

"Rev. Jerry Estes has provided spiritual leadership, guidance, and influence in the entire community by his dedicated Christian life."

"The Perkinston Church has accepted 23 persons upon profession of faith and 17 by letter during his tenure."

"The Building Fund has increased to \$15,900.03 as of January 12, 1969, as compared to \$368.35 on March 30, 1966."

"The Perkinston Church has given a total of \$7,613.93 to missions since March 30, 1966; and the Perkinston Church Sunday school and Training Union have set record attendances during his capable leadership."

"Rev. Jerry Estes has served his church and his community with untiring devotion; we commend and express deep gratitude to him for his concern and leadership."

Bethel Enters New

Church Auditorium

On January 26, first services were held in the new auditorium of the Bethel Church in Rankin County. Dedication services will be announced later. Rev. W. C. McGee is pastor.

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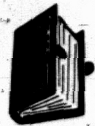
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

The Mighty Power Of Jesus

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 4:35 to 6:6

From this point in the ministry of Jesus, he gave more of his time to persons outside of Galilee and, particularly, to the training of his disciples. This section of Mark's Gospel which we now study concentrates on Jesus' mighty works, by which we learn that he is able to meet the desperate needs of all men—physical,

mental, social, and spiritual. The miracles recorded tell of Jesus' power in the realm of nature and his power to overcome demons and disease—and even death. Jesus' divine power was always expended with spiritual purpose and a sense of moral responsibility. He used his power to relieve human suffering and to accomplish spiritual salvation. Jesus' miracles were not tricks of magic; they were deeds of mercy and blessing.

The Lesson Explained

Power Over Nature (4:35-41)

With a desire to escape from the crowds for a bit of rest, Jesus suggested to the disciples that they go across to the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee. The severe nighttime storm which they encountered was a frequent occurrence on the sea due to the climatic situation. The humanity of Jesus is etched into the story—he needed the relaxation of sleep. The severity of the storm is indicated by the fear of the disciples—they were experienced men of the sea. In desperation, they waked Jesus as though he were indifferent to their peril. He then rebuked the wind and calmed the storm, so that the sea became smooth and quiet. The deity of Jesus was also etched into the story—he was Master of the forces of nature. Why were the disciples afraid? Had they not seen enough evidence of Jesus' power to have implicit trust? Their faith was not yet mature, but they were grasping the truth with growing conviction that Jesus was indeed God in their midst.

Power Over Disease (5:22-29,34)

Jesus and the disciples returned to the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee, met by Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, pleading with the Master to come and heal his daughter, who was at the very point of death. Jesus started, with him, followed by a great crowd. A woman, suffering for twelve years with a hemorrhage—who had spent all she had seeking help from many physicians, only to become worse and worse—had heard reports of Jesus. Now she dared to push through the crowd, though she was ceremonially unclean, to touch Jesus' garment, believing that even the touch would make her well. Im-

mediately she was cured. Immediately, also, Jesus knew that power had gone from him into another person. His question, "Who touched my clothes?" was not for the purpose of rebuke but for greater blessing. He did not rebuke her but commended her faith. Her healing had not been due to magic but to divine compassion and power.

Power Unlimited

The remaining verses of chapter 5 tell of Jesus' raising the daughter of Jairus, who had died before Jesus reached the house, to life. At this point, Mark tells of Jesus going back to Nazareth, "his own country." But the people could not get over their feeling that he was still just "the carpenter." They could not believe that this hometown man was indeed the Prophet from God. No wonder he marveled at their unbelief. To them, he was just Mary's son and a brother of four other sons and of at least two daughters of Mary.

The miracles recorded in the large Bible lesson declare an important truth. The power of Jesus was unlimited. He had power over the forces of nature, which he himself created. He had power over demon and disease and death. His power was exercised in doing good, liberating persons from evil, restoring health and strength to diseased bodies, giving life instead of death, and imparting the goodness and wisdom of God to the hearts and minds of men.

Luke 10:1-9 John 17:18-26
Matt. 28:16-20

By Bill Duncan

Jesus began his ministry by calling individuals to be his disciples, and commissioning these individuals to carry out his mission. The early group grew; as more individuals were called. Jesus wanted his disciples to show his teaching in their lives. All of God's work is designed to be carried out by persons that He commissions. When people do not respond, then the work is left undone.

Evangelism is the telling of the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Man's first privilege and obligation is to receive. Having received, his continuing privilege and obligation is to tell. Each person, as a Christian, has an individual responsibility. God wants all of us to become involved in this most important task. The individual can never be played down. If the individual is not telling the "good news," then the church will not be telling the "good news."

The Commission of the Seventy
Luke 10:1-9
The commission of the seventy, was

to a deliberate missionary task. We must not overlook the individual commission by the Lord to do specific jobs. These seventy were given instruction of how and where they were to travel, stay and preach. It is also interesting that they were to go out to the areas before Jesus came along to do His work. They were to prepare the areas of Judea for a visit from Jesus. The group was to travel by twos, according to the instruction of Jesus.

The commission of the Lord called for the disciples to travel into town and stay with the people who received them. They were not to carry money or extra shoes. They were not to worry about material things. If the individual rejected the message, then this rejection would be held against the individual.

The great need of this time in the ministry of Jesus was for more laborers. The time was right but until there were more individuals doing the task of telling the "good news" the harvest could never be reaped. The laborer must concentrate on his task and not spend his time on the lesser things of life.

The Commission of the Twelve
John 17:18-26
We must always call to mind that we have been chosen by God. The (Continued on page 8)

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Devotional

A Positive Witness

By Bill Nimmons, director of education
First Church, Starkville

Psalm 46

The Bible has a lot to say about witnessing. Among the emphases is that we are to be a witness. This means that there must be a life to back up one's verbalizing. We are witnesses, good or bad, whether we want to be or not. But how does one live so as to be a positive witness for Christ?

If we are to be a positive witness for Christ we must realize the necessity for spiritual reserves. Have you any fresh strength you can throw in at a critical moment? Where are your spiritual reserves?

One of the most effective ways of developing and maintaining such desperately needed reserves is to nurture a sense of God's presence. The world's great personal victories are always won through reliance upon the unseen guidance and help which comes with the facing of life in a conscious fellowship with God. Paul, while facing some of the most astounding external odds, said: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" That is, if we have God on our side because we have first placed ourselves on His side, we are supported by the sort of spiritual reinforcement which can repulse any assault of evil.

If one, going a step further, is to have the quality and quantity of spiritual reserve, he must bring up the added spiritual resources which come from a well cultivated sense of moral and intellectual calmness. More than one person has been kept out of the fields of futility and upon the road of meaningful living by relying on the fine promises as contained in God's holy word. Along with this we must learn how to pray and meditate. We must learn how to live without letting useless things and insignificant events forfeit our sense of mission.

We must trust our destiny to God. Our religious faith assures us and reassures us again and again that the God whom we worship is able to deliver to the utmost those who put their trust in Him; that His power is inexhaustible; that His love and mercy are omnipotent; that His will is sovereign; and that He holds our life in the hollow of His hand. There is nothing of which we need to be afraid and in every emergency there is help from God. To Him we may faithfully trust the future and in this confidence we may call upon his reserves as a guarantee of victory.

Thus, to build up the inner reserves which we need to live the positive witness for Christ, we must nurture the sense of God's presence with us, cultivate an attitude of serenity in a chaotic world, and to trust our destiny to God.

Revival Dates

Main Street Church, Goodman: Rev. Maurice Clayton, pastor of Hillcrest Church, Jackson, evangelist; Sunday, March 30 through Friday, April 4; David W. Young, director of music, will lead the combined Baptist-First Methodist Church choir. (Mr. Young is director of Holmes Junior College's Marching Band, Stage ensemble, and Concert Band); Mrs. Robert Johnson, wife of an art instructor at the college, will serve as pianist; services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Truth enjoys serenely her own immortality. — George Bancroft

S. S. Lesson

(Continued from page 7)

Christians are the called-out ones for His special service. We are left in the world for the opportunity to love and obey God and to bring others to do the same. And we must always remember that God has not left us to carry out that great task and responsibility in our own strength, but that He, out of His grace, has fitted and equipped us for a task, if we will place our lives in His hands.

Jesus prayed that unity between the disciples and God would convince the world of the truth of Christianity and of the place of Christ. It is that union between man and God that draws men of like faith together. It is when men are right with God that they can be right with one another.

It is amazing how that Jesus never lost confidence in men. These were the men who Jesus depended upon to spread His good news throughout the world. He knew they did not fully understand. He knew they would soon turn their back upon Him in His hour of need. Yet we see His complete faith and His radiant certainty.

The Commissioning of You
Matt. 28:16-20

The individual Christian is under orders to evangelize the world by making disciples of all nations. The witnessing to what God has done for him is to be the natural function of the Christian. Most people put the emphasis of Matt. 28:19-20 on the "Go" but rather "Disciple" all nations as ye are going. Jesus assumed that we would be "on the go," here, there, and everywhere. Our proper function is to bear our own witness of what Jesus has done for us as we go.

To disciple all nations includes teaching them to observe all the things which Jesus has commanded us. Becoming a disciple of Christ occurs in a specific conversion experience. Being taught to guard His commandments is a lifelong discipline. To teach of evangelism is not the teaching of facts but of obedience to Christ. So the ultimate test of discipleship is the life produced. Evangelism is not complete until the evangelized become evangelists.

Instruction in the observance of the Lord's commandments is placed alongside baptism in this command. The teaching is to be a life-long job, but it apparently is to begin simultaneously with baptism. Baptism is a part of teaching.

The phrase, "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," needs to be explained. In ancient usage, calling the name of a person upon another carried with it the idea of bequeathing that one's property. Being baptized in the name of God carried the idea of becoming His property. This



Rev. Billy Johnson

Wildwood Calls
Jones Native

Wildwood Church, Laurel, announces that Rev. Billy G. Johnson, native of Jones County, is returning home to be their pastor.

The new pastor attended Mississippi College, received his B. A. degree from William Carey College, and B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Mae Ora Smith of Overt, who received her B. S. degree in home economics from Mississippi College.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of two sons, William, age 12 and Daniel, 15. The family moved from Anniston, Alabama where he has been serving Eulaton Church.

Mr. Johnson has wide experience in conducting revivals in Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, and Alabama. He has served as moderator of Scott County Association 1963-64; President of Pastors' Conference, Calhoun County Association, Alabama 1968; and Associational Training Union Director and Sunday School Superintendent in several associations. He toured the Holy Land and Europe in June 1968. He has been in the pastorate since 1950.

He preached his first sermon at Wildwood on Sunday, February 2, at which time the church set goals to reach high attendance in Sunday school and Training Union.

There is nothing so difficult as the art of making advice agreeable. — Joseph Addison

Emergency Room
Operates Smoothly,
Day Of Tornadoes

The president of Mississippi Baptist Hospital's medical staff reports that "Everything went smoothly — with very few ripples," on January 23, when tornadoes hit the Hazlehurst area.

Many of the injured were brought to Jackson hospitals, including eleven who were brought to Baptist Hospital. The emergency room treated 25 patients during the day shift that day, which hospital spokesmen call "about average."

The emergency room has treated as many as 16 injured from a bus accident, so the influx of eleven tornado victims, say hospital spokesmen, did not strain the facilities of the big Jackson hospital.

It was not even necessary, said Dr. Packer, to send out a call for medical personnel, since "Doctors just show up" on days when disasters strike, and this was what happened at Baptist Hospital on January 23.

"Most of the work we did for the tornado victims that day," says Dr. Packer, "was orthopedic in nature, and the staff orthopedists, aided by general surgeons and others, gave rapid and effective service, aided by the ancillary personnel."

Rev. O. P. Breland, 88,
Dies At Columbus

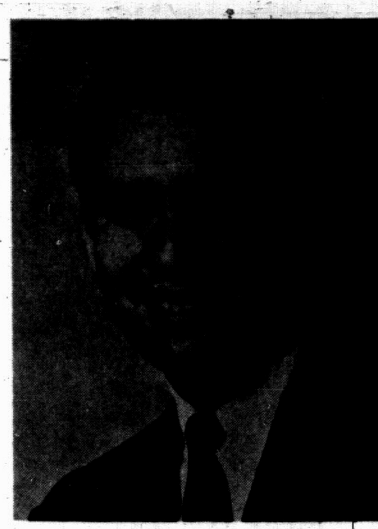
Rev. Oscar Phillip Breland, died recently at Columbus Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor, First Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral service.

Mr. Breland, 88, native of Decatur, had made his home in Columbus for the past 30 years.

He was by profession a teacher, a welfare worker, and a Baptist minister. He held a number of parttime pastorates and was fulltime pastor in Maben, Artesia and at Mt. Vernon Church. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Church, Columbus.

He leaves his wife, to whom he had been married 60 years, Mrs. Lida Adams; a son, Dr. Ormond P. Breland of Austin, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Jimmy McCullough, of Alto, Texas, a brother, James Whitley Breland of the New Hope Community; and two grandchildren.



Daryl Randall

Joins The Staff At
Van Winkle, Jackson

Daryl Randall has accepted the position as minister of music and youth at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, where he began his duties January 15.

Mr. Randall, native of Wichita, Kansas, is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California.

For the past twelve years he has been working in the areas of music, education, and youth, in Kansas, Missouri, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, having come to Jackson from Los Angeles.

He has been active in evangelism, leading music in revivals. Also, in the field of sacred music, he has been featured on television and radio, in Kansas and Missouri.

During his last year at the seminary, he was elected vice-president of the student body.

He is married to the former Jennifer Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, residents of Jackson and members of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. Randall, graduate of Province High School and Mississippi College, received the Master of Religious Education degree from Golden Gate Seminary. She is teaching Spanish at Warren Central High School in Vicksburg.

The Randalls are presently living in Clinton, Van Winkle Church, Rev. Herman Milner, pastor, is building a new home near the church as a residence for the minister of music and youth.

Former State Man On
Staff Of Louisiana
Children's Home

Rev. Dan B. Blake has been named director of development at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe. He has resigned as pastor of the Jena First Baptist Church where he had served since 1961 to join the Home staff.

Wade B. East, Home superintendent, in announcing the appointment, explained that as director of development Blake will inform friends of the Home about the extensive child care programs and long range plans of the agency. He will be working directly with individuals and their attorneys who request specific information or assistance related to the making of wills and the establishing of trusts to benefit the Children's Home.

"The coming of Dan Blake to our staff will help make it possible for the agency to do more for homeless and dependent children," East said, pointing to the fact that the number needing help keeps increasing. The Home is in its 70th year of service.

Rev. Blake, a native of Jonesboro, was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Centerville, Miss. from 1958-1961.

Enters Evangelism

Randall Green, pastor of Woodlawn church in Decatur, Ga. resigned to enter the field of vocational evangelism, effective March 1. He will make Decatur his home.

During the past year the church has received 220 new members, including 105 for baptism.

Mr. Green came to Georgia from the First church in Franklin, Ky. Prior pastorates had been at Spottsville, Louisville, Fordville and Greenville, Kentucky.

A native of Fort Knox, Mr. Green was educated at Southwest Baptist College, Kentucky Wesleyan College and Southern Seminary. He did graduate work at Michigan State University.

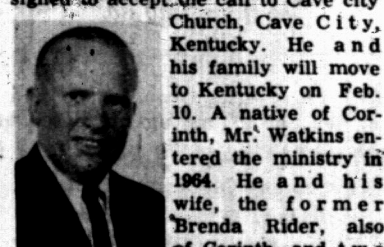
Mrs. Green was Cicely A. Medlin of Owensboro, Ky. They have five children. The Green's address is P.O. Box 27222, Atlanta, Ga. 30317.



Randall Green

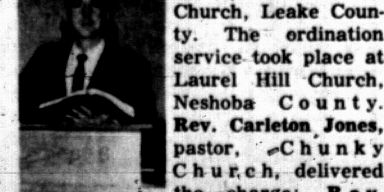
Names In The News

Rev. Gary Watkins, pastor of Holmesville Church, McComb, has resigned to accept the call to Cave City Church, Cave City, Kentucky. He and his family will move to Kentucky on Feb. 10. A native of Corinth, Mr. Watkins entered the ministry in 1964. He and his wife, the former Brenda Rider, also of Corinth, and two daughters, Vicky and Susan, moved to Hattiesburg where he graduated from William Carey College in 1968. Prior to moving to Holmesville, Watkins was pastor of Mt. Zion Church (Pike.)



Rev. Rush Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp Gunn, was recently ordained as a minister of the gospel, upon request of the New Prospect Church, Leake County. The ordination service took place at Laurel Hill Church, Neshoba County. Rev. Carleton Jones, pastor, Chunky Church, delivered the charge; Rev. Johnny L. Walker, pastor of the host church, preached the ordination sermon. Mrs. Billie Allen and Mrs. Charlie Gunn presented special music. Rev. and Mrs. Gunn, with their two children, Allen and Alicia, are living in Newton and attending Clarke College. Mrs. Gunn is the former Judy Allen of Carthage.

Rev. Ray Ware has been called to First, Pontotoc, as associate pastor. A native of Pontotoc County, he is a graduate of the Pontotoc High School, and is a senior at Blue Mountain College. He will assist the pastor, Dr. W. Levon Moore, in giving leadership to the general program of the church, and will give particular emphasis to youth activities. Mr. Ware is married to the former Charlene Clements of Pontotoc. He has been



means that one by discipleship and commitment symbolized by baptism comes under the authority or sovereignty of God.

serving as pastor of Shiloh Church in Chickasaw County.

Rev. Wayne Spencer, pastor of Pleasant Valley Church, Simpson County, announces that planning is underway for extensive remodeling of the educational building and brick veneering of the entire church plant.

Dr. Ralph A. Herring of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Jackson, Miss., retired on December 31, after seven years as director of the Seminary Extension Department, SBC.

Mr. and Mrs. Ade Akande are directing the work and administration of the Baptist Welfare Center in Ibe, Nigeria, which was transferred January 1, 1969, from the Nigerian Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) to the Nigerian Baptist Convention. The center opened in 1946 as a dispensary operated by Miss Eva Sanders, Southern Baptist missionary nurse who retired in November, 1968. It grew to include a midwifery school, which was closed in 1967. The center continues to specialize in maternity and child care.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Moss of Greenwood are the parents of a baby daughter, their first child, born January 15; weight 7 lb. 14 oz., named Stephanie La Dawn. Mr. Moss is minister of music and education at Calvary Church, Greenwood, Rev. James L. Terpo, pastor.

Mrs. Joe Overstreet is the new church secretary at First Church, Oxford, Rev. Wayne Coleman, pastor. A native of Oxford, she attended University of Mississippi, and became a member of First Church, Oxford, when she was a junior in Sunday school. She is the wife of Joe W. Overstreet, Sr. They have two sons, Joey and Tony. Mrs. Overstreet was formerly employed at Oxford-Lafayette County Hospital in Reception and Admissions.

Rev. James A. Bryant, native of Crystal Springs, and former pastor at Tyertown and McComb, is now living near Ridgecrest, N. C., but at present is serving as interim pastor of Temple Hills Baptist Church, 4821 St. Barnabas Rd., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20031. He plans to direct a tour of the Holy Land in October of this year. Individuals interested in joining his group may write him at the above address.

in Lebanon's capital city of Beirut beginning on April 26 and continuing through May 11, 1969.

Dr. AND MRS. CARTER DOBBS, members of Calhoun City's First Baptist Church, are now giving one month of their time to medical missions serving in the San Blas Islands near Panama. This lay ministry is under the auspices of the Home Mission Board, SBC.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, conducted a Family Life Conference at the West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo, March 31-February 2. Rev. Richard Clement is pastor.

Rev. Ed North has resigned as pastor of Beach Boulevard Church to accept a church in Brookhaven. He plans to study at University of Southern Mississippi.

Christian Citizenship—Church And State

Four Area Conferences—February 10-14, 1969

Feb. 10—First Baptist Church, Senatobia

Feb. 11—First Baptist Church, Pontotoc

Feb. 13—First Baptist Church, Yazoo City

Feb. 14—First Baptist Church, McComb

9:30 a.m.—CHURCH & STATE — CITIZENSHIP

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What of taxation for private schools? Parochial?
Does the state or city have the right to determine who worships where?
Does the state have the privilege of saying who can serve within its borders in the capacity of a Minister of Religion?
What of the validity of subsidies to church organizations? What is the justification, if any, of tax exemption to churches?

10:45 a.m.—COFFEE BREAK

11:10 a.m.—ADDRESS: DR. JOE TUTEN★
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DR. JAMES R. ALLEN★
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

★Dr. Tuten speaks at Senatobia and Pontotoc and Dr. Allen at Yazoo City and McComb.

(Church laymen, pastors, staff members, school officials and denominational leaders are all invited to these area conferences.)